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Tuition hike approved

Citing increased costs in salaries, maintenance and utilities, Calumet College will increase tuition by \$5 a credit hour effective with second semester enrollment.

In making the announcement for the Board of Directors, Father John M. Lefko, president, said operational costs to the college climbed 14.3 per cent last year alone and that overall costs in the past three and one-half years have climbed 16.9 per cent, exclusive of capital improvements.

FATHER LEFKO said the tuition fee at Calumet College will go from \$30 to \$35 a credit hour. Tuition fees apply only to operations and not for capital improvements.

The tuition increase was announced to students at the college by letter.

Noting that Calumet College has not increased tuition since July, 1971, Father Lefko said increased costs, particularly in the past year, make it impossible for the college to operate on a financially sound basis without increasing tuition.

SINCE COLLEGE enrollments have leveled off and with all costs increasing steadily, an added source of revenue is needed to enable Calumet College to avoid deficit operations, Father Lefko said.

Pointing out that Calumet College subsidizes each student at the rate of \$11.90 per credit hour, Father Lefko said it is impossible to develop other sources of income to make up for the increased costs.

While acknowledging that Calumet College has "operated in the black" in each of the last five years, Father Lefko said a deficit of up to \$121,000 is anticipated for the current fiscal year unless income can be increased. He said about half of the projected deficit is for salary increases awarded at the beginning of the school year and the remainder in increased costs in materials, supplies, utilities and insurance.

"Even with the tuition increase we will be faced with a rather large deficit

by the end of the college year," Father Lefko said.

FATHER LEFKO said outside sources provide upwards of \$250,000 of the annual operations budget. These are monies received as direct contributions to the college for operations only, exclusive of monies received for capital improvements.

"With the nation's economy in its present doldrums, some curtailment in philanthropy can also be anticipated," Father Lefko explained.

He said the Board of Directors of Calumet College, Inc., authorized the tuition increase at their annual meeting in October. He said general announcement was withheld until current students could be properly notified.

"Even with the tuition increase and the competitive role in which it places us, we still must conduct an effective recruitment program to maintain an increase in enrollment levels at Calumet College," Father Lefko said.

He noted that Calumet College still has the lowest tuition rate among independent and private colleges in the area.

Teachers in Career Decision Program

Thirty-four teachers from Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago are enrolled in an in-service training program in Effective Career Decision Making at Calumet College.

The program is sponsored by the Indiana State Board of Vocational and Technical Education through Calumet College under the direction of Dr. Montague Oliver, chairman of the college's division of science and professor of biology.



Dr. Oliver described the program by saying the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education and Calumet College take the position that one of the responsibilities of the elementary and secondary classroom teacher is the development of a planned set of career developmental experiences. The program gives attention to planning for emotional, social and career development.

This is the third year that the program has been conducted at Calumet College.

The 25-week program, which runs from September through March, includes courses in Career Education Development Theory, Interpersonal communication Skills, Self Concept Development, and Techniques to Develop Positive Attitudes and Career Competence.

College booth at holiday fair



CALUMET COLLEGE participated in the Whiting Fourth of July Celebration and the Lake County Fair with "Get Acquainted" booths. Those helping at the Whiting display were Wally Skiba (left), assistant director of continuing education, Patty Gratowski of Carmelite Home, and Henry Mendoza, a student at Calumet College.

Community Involvement

Programs aid underemployed

Calumet College is involved in two programs, New Careers and the Service Employment Redevelopment Program (SER), designed to help people help themselves, giving them valuable, saleable skills for the job market.

The SER program, which was initiated this past summer, trains underemployed or unemployed women for secretarial and clerical positions.

MICHAEL GUIDEN, assistant academic dean and SER project director for Calumet College, said that the program has proved so successful that funding was made available for two more twenty week sessions, one this fall and another tentatively scheduled to begin next April. The program is funded by the Indiana State Board for Vocational and Technical Education through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973 (CETA).

"Eighteen women participated in our program this summer," Guiden explained, "and all of them are now employed by local business and industry."

Guiden said that the women are on campus six hours a day, five days a week during the twenty-week program.

"**THE COURSES** involved are business English, business math, accounting, typing, and office practice and procedure," he said.

Guiden expressed the hope that with the college's move to the AMOCO complex next year, the college would become involved in many more programs of this type meeting the needs of the community.

"This type program is very worthwhile because people are taught skills that will be with them the rest of their lives," he said. "We'll have much more room to become involved in these programs."

THE FUTURE, though, does not seem as bright for another career training program on campus, New Careers.

Ruben Vela, project director for the Lake County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. — New Careers, said that funding for the program is drying up and it may be phased out by next year.

The New Careers program is set up to take people who meet specified earning guidelines and not only put them in a job where they can gain on-the-job training, but give them classroom experience as well, in this case, at Calumet College.

"**MANY PROGRAMS** have taught people skills, such as being repairmen," Vela said. "But if this particular job was ever done away with, the person would find himself in the same position he started in, unemployed and unemployable."

"New Careers is set up to provide people not only a skill, but an education," he continued, "an education that could never be taken away."

PARTICIPANTS in the program are paid \$2.25 an hour for a 33 hour work week. Twenty hours a week are spent on the job and 13 are in classroom participation, orientation, study or counseling. The program's commitment has been for two years, long enough for participants to earn associate degrees in various areas.

"We have people in positions such as case worker assistants, teacher aides, police cadets, community workers, library assistants, YMCA workers, and hospital aides," Vela said. "Most of our participants are women since our pay can't compete with what the steel mills in the area can offer a man."

"**FROM A HIGH** of 52 participants, we have gone to 42 last year to 15 in the current year," Vela said. "The administrative staff has been cut from eight down to one, and that's me."

Vela explained that the relationship with Calumet College has been a good one.

"When we originally approached other colleges in this area about the New Careers program in 1969, their demands, such as much of our budget being paid to them as overhead, made us look elsewhere," he said. "When we approached the administration at Calumet College, they saw the value to the community and were of as much help as they could be. They were very receptive and made no great demands."

The first group to participate in the program started in Winter, 1970. Some 50 people began a college preparatory curriculum for fourteen weeks, including math, reading and English. Once through that preparation, they were absorbed into the program of Calumet College.

So, a program that has been called one of hope and by many a success, faces a bleak future unless government funding priorities are changed in the near future.

College Officers Are Re-elected

Officers of Calumet College, Inc., were all re-elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on October 25, 1974.

Re-elected were L. Cosby Bernard, chairman, Board of Directors; Chester J. Wleklinski, vice chairman; Father William Eilerman, treasurer; and Harry J. Cane, secretary.

College officers re-elected were Father John M. Lefko, president; Father James F. McCabe, executive vice president; Raymond J. Krajewski, vice president-academic affairs; Father William Eilerman, vice president-finance; Harry J. Cane, vice president-development; and Miss Carol Walter, treasurer.



DR. WEI-PING LOH, chief pathologist and director of laboratories at Methodist Hospital of Gary, demonstrates the technique of acupuncture on Father Mark Beischel. The seminar on acupuncture, held November 5th, was hosted by Dr. Rogers Randall, assistant professor of chemistry.

from the president

As 1974 has drawn to a close and we look forward to the new year, we are of course thankful for all the wonderful things that have happened to the Calumet College family this past year.

In truth, our situation at the Amoco location has changed very little in the past twelve months, but with the architect's renderings finished and in the hands of the construction companies, we are a year closer to the dawn of the new Calumet College complex. We are anxiously awaiting the return of the bids and the start of construction.

AS WE look ahead with optimism to a year in which we hopefully will occupy the new facilities, we have many tasks yet facing us.

The cost of operating an institution such as ours has risen a great deal in recent months. To help compensate, we regretfully had to raise the cost of tuition beginning with the second term. But the costs are becoming greater yet and the upward spiral is likely to continue.

The competition to attract students is becoming greater. The economic crunch is making the available money for prospective students tighter and thus, we are faced with the possibility of fewer students or students taking fewer hours. While many older people are now taking classes part-time, some people who would have gone to college immediately after graduating from high school are now taking a look at other alternatives. College to many young persons is no longer **the** place to go, but one of many possible places to go.

WHILE OUR moving to the Amoco site will be a great blessing, it also presents many problems in the months ahead, some which were envisioned and some which were not.

As we look ahead, we must confront all of these situations head-on. We should not really look at these as problems, but as challenges.

We ask God's help and yours in meeting each of these challenges.

Father John Lefko

Calumet graduate joins college staff

Mrs. Eva McAdaragh has been named assistant director of admissions of Calumet College.

In her new post, Mrs. McAdaragh will be heavily involved in the college's recruitment program. Among other duties she will visit high schools, schedule and conduct tours of the campus for prospective students, admit and classify applicants, and act as liaison between Calumet College and junior colleges.

MRS. MCADARAGH is a 1969 graduate of Calumet College, receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology.

A native of Gary, Indiana, she graduated from Andrean High School in Merrillville.

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SHE ALSO does volunteer work at Munster Community Hospital.

Mrs. McAdaragh lives with her daughter in Munster, Indiana. Her husband,



Dr. Gawronski



Father Beischel

Two Professors are "Outstanding Educators"

Two faculty members of Calumet College have been chosen Outstanding Educators of America for 1974.

Dr. Daniel Gawronski, associate professor of psychology and education, and Father Mark Beischel, associate professor of psychology and education, have been chosen for this honor on the basis of their exceptional academic accomplishments and civic contributions, according to V. Gilbert Beers, director of Outstanding Educators of America.

Outstanding Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements and leadership in the field of education. Those chosen Outstanding Educators are then featured in the yearly national awards volume of Outstanding Educators of America.

the late Daniel McAdaragh, was also a graduate of Calumet College and was president of the Calumet College Alumni Association.

Corporate Members elect



CORPORATE MEMBERS of Calumet College, Inc., met for the first time on October 25, 1974, prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Corporate members are (seated) Father James F. McCabe, executive vice president, Calumet College; Father Charles Bricher, provincial, Society of the Precious Blood; Father John M. Lefko, president, Calumet College; and (standing) Father Louis Osterhage, pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Celina, Ohio; Father Bernard Meiring, Saint Joseph's College; L. Cosby Bernard of Munster, architect; Frank W. Mader of Crown Point, vice president-purchasing Allied Structural Steel Co.; Benedict Danko of Munster, attorney, Green, Powers, Belshaw & Danko; and Father Edward Homco, pastor, St. John the Baptist Church, Whiting. The Corporate Members elected Father McCabe, chairman, Father Osterhage, vice chairman, and Mr. Danko, secretary.

Freshman Orientation



CALUMET COLLEGE welcomed incoming freshman students in an orientation program in Walsh Lecture Hall prior to the start of fall semester.



ELLEN LA RUE, assistant professor of mathematics, practices the interview technique during a faculty tour of the Communications Center held in October. Father Joseph Rodak, assistant professor in communication arts, assists as Geraldine Martin, Alois Lewandowski and James Fattore look on.

Construction bids out; expected back during January

The bids for the remodeling of the Amoco properties into the new home of Calumet College are in the hands of the building contractors, according to Father James F. McCabe, executive vice president of the college.

"The specifications were finished and the bids sent out at the end of November," Father McCabe explained. "With the time schedule we are now on, the bids should be back to us by January 14th. Hopefully, construction will begin shortly after that."

FATHER McCABE said that the bids will include all construction except accommodations for the theatre.

There are some options left open, such as whether or not to carpet certain areas of the buildings. These decisions will be made once the bids are returned and the costs determined.

At present, interior walls that are not needed have been torn out. Most of this work was done during the summer by students.

THERE IS still a target date of September, 1975, for occupancy of the new facilities, though delays to this point have made for a very tight schedule.

Father McCabe said that there have been several inquiries from companies interested in leasing other buildings on the Amoco property.



DR. HAROLD M. HYMAN, professor of history at Rice University and an authority on Civil War and Constitutional history, demonstrates a "confidential Watergate file", complete with built-in leaks. Dr. Hyman addressed the Historians of Metropolitan Chicago at their fall meeting held in the Lewin Student Center. Dr. George Fleming, chairman of the department of history and host for the meeting, looks on.

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